MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

October 2019 – The 1005th regular meeting of the MNS will be held on Thursday, October 17, 7 PM, at our usual location in the Mayfair Mall Community Room, lower level. The scheduled program for the September 19 meeting will be a numismatic trivia game.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.

October Coin of the Month: For October we offer a set of 14 solid brass presidential medals issued by Reader's Digest in 1997. You get 14 different medals (two sets of 7 each) sealed in a blister pack. Don't know what the reverse is! Opening bid for the entire set will be just $10. Bring extra cash to nab these historic pieces!!

October 2019 MNS President's Message

The annual coin show hosted by MNS at Serb Hall will take place on October 6, and with everyone's help and support it should be another fantastic show. It must be mentioned that the success of our show would not have been possible but for the efforts of Chris Kantak and Paul Kromm, along with so many other volunteers amongst our membership that all contribute time and talent leading up to and the day of the show. I really am amazed that we are able to pull it off every year. For a one-day show of our size we consistently have a dealer waiting list and the bourse is very well attended by sellers and buyers alike. Please keep in mind that we will be selling raffle tickets, a significant part of our profits, right up to the very beginning of the October 17th meeting drawing.

As is customary, everyone who volunteers three or more hours towards the show will receive a complimentary ticket for the October 26th banquet at Alioto's. Also, if you are an MNS board member, trustee, editor, store host to exhibit cases, or have contributed significantly to the club, then you will also receive complimentary admission. Just see Jim or myself for approval. See page 8 of this issue for banquet info. Our speaker will be from our own ranks: Bob Giese. Bob has a wealth of knowledge on Milwaukee lore, so just when you thought you knew everything come prepared to learn something new and interesting about the city we call home.

The van trip to the ANA show in Rosemont was a terrific success. The 15-passenger van was filled to capacity and we remarkably made it there and back in record time. Everyone was full of energy on the drive down, optimistic for the day that lay ahead, while on the drive back although everyone was exhausted there was still a buzz of energy surrounding stories of things seen and acquisitions made. Hopefully we can plan a repeat trip the next time ANA meets in Chicago.

A significant portion of business at our last club meeting concerned issues of finances, attempting to look forward to the health and prosperity of our club decades down the road. While such an approach shows merit, it is important to realize that the decisions and actions we take will likely not directly benefit us but a future generation of collector that will hopefully be keeping the club as we know it active. Although we are presently on rather solid financial footing, the base of our cash reserves is being chipped away each year. According to our treasurer the club very likely has an easy 15-20 years of coasting by. A number of options were floated for discussion as a way to curb spending and enhance value of the club: (1) decrease the number of annual meetings held from monthly to only eight or nine; (2) increase membership dues by $5; (3) pare back on total allocated for refreshments; (4) provide for better quality door prizes; (5) hold a 50/50 raffle twice a year; (6) modify format or eliminate the printed newsletter. If you feel strongly about any of these please consider coming to the next meeting where this matter can be discussed in further depth.

Contention over club finances is nothing new. I was reviewing an old newsletter recapping early years of MNS and it indicated that in 1938 it was voted upon to "create a loyalty fund to bolster the sinking treasury." A grand total of $2.75 was contributed, along with several uncirculated Russian Rubles. By mid-year the club had a treasury of only $27.88 so a picnic was held to raise money. Receipts totaled $53.00 and disbursements were $52.67, resulting in a net profit of 33 cents. That year the banquet was also canceled due to financial difficulties. What I am trying to get at here is that the club certainly has had its ups and downs, but we have always seemed to find a way to forge ahead and persevere. As long as we stick together as like-minded collectors and have a place to meet on a monthly basis then the club will certainly continue to be in good hands for the duration of our natural lifetimes.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, recapping the success of our show, and enjoying your company at the annual banquet.

Happy Collecting,
Justin J. Perrault, 262.613.9996
masters1122@yahoo.com

Sunshine

Long–time members Tom Dallmann and Tom Snyder are recovering from surgery. Tom D is at Clement Manor rehab (3939 S. 92nd, Room B121, 321-1800.). Tom S. is recovering from a mild heart attack. Visits, cards, and prayers would be appreciated.

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Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 17:	Officer Inductions
Feb 21:	Numi Trivia by Neil S.
March 21:	T. Casper: "A Legendary Numismatist"
April 18:	1,000th Club Meeting Events
May 16:	Spring Auction
June 20:	Treasures from the Vault
July 18:	Expanded Show and Tell
Aug 14:	Bus Trip to ANA
Aug 15:	**NO MEETING**
Sept 19:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 17:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Nov 21:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 19:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections
Jan.16, 2020	Officer Inductions

Annual Dues

Dues for 2019 are $10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2019-2020 Numismatic Events

October 6:	MNS Coin Show: Serb Hall 9 AM-4 PM
October 26:	MNS Banquet-Alioto's Social at 6 PM; Dinner 6:30 PM
October 27:	Elgin Coin Club Fall Show Holiday Inn off I-90 and Rte. 31 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
April 17-18:	South Shore CC Show
April 18:	MNS Scout Merit Badge Clinic

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Jim H.
Feb:	Jim H.
Mar:	Dave Hunsicker
Apr:	Don K.
May:	Gary B.
Jun:	OPEN
Jul:	OPEN
Aug:	NO MEETING=ANA Show Bus Trip
Sep:	Justin P.
Oct:	OPEN
Nov:	OPEN
Dec:	Holiday Party

Some ANA Excursion Riders

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

September 19, 2019

President Justin Perrault called the 1004 meeting of the MNS to order at 7:33pm. There were 24 members and 0 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by James K, Justin P, Leon A, John B, Steve J, Dave H, Tom S, Gary B, and Neil S.

Coin of the Month: John R. won the coin of the month, 1977-S Proof Cameo Quarter, with a winning bid of $8.

Treasurer's Report: John B. reported that July showed net receipts of $50 and $701.37 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of $651.37. August showed net receipts of $0.00 and $20.30 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of $20.30.

Club's Future: John B. analyzed the club's financial situation. He created a detailed document about the future of club with financial recommendations. The club will continue to discuss ideas and vote on any changes by the end of the year.

Audit Committee: The official report will be provided at our next meeting.

Correspondence: Coins, Coin World News, and Numismatist

Banquet: The club's annual banquet will be October 26. The menu and details will be on back of October's newsletter.

Vice President Report: There are openings in October and November for members to bring refreshments.

Milwaukee Numismatic Coin Show – The show will be October 6th at the American Serb Hall from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Howard T has raffle tickets available. We need volunteers to help distribute and collect the tickets. Also, Please see Paul K. for marketing materials to distribute to local clubs, organizations and businesses. Please sign up to help run the coin show.

Share and Tell: Justin P – West Point Quarters, Encapsulate Waffle Set & 1963 Central States Convention Booklet; Tom S – Picture: Bruce B – ANA purchases; Gary B – Coins from Malta; Howard T. – Going to the Dogs; Adele S – Shrunken Elongated Coin; Neil S – ANA acquisition; Paul K – US Mint youth giveaways; Bill S – 45 90 Club; James K – ANA find.

Program: Justin P. led a coin trivia game. The club was split into two teams. Both teams tied but in the end team A won after getting the bonus question correct.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:58 pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

Another ANA Excursion group photo

NAUGHTY NYMPHS ON RIVER STREET

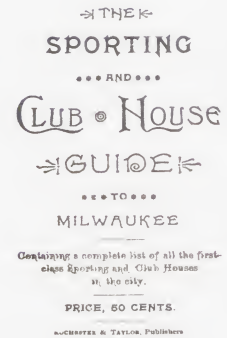
By Tom Casper

The world's oldest profession, prostitution, has prospered in the U.S. since the 18th century. Laws have always been enacted to control this type of activity. According to Milwaukee city records, an ordinance on prostitution was passed by the Common Council on September 1, 1879. It reads as follows: *"Section 260. Every person being a vagrant, mendicant, street beggar, organ grinder, street musician playing on any instrument unsolicited and for the purpose of begging, common prostitute or gambler, in this city shall, upon conviction forfeit a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars."*

But according to stories in the newspaper Milwaukee Sentinel, back in the early 1850's, articles appeared about efforts by the Common Council to force prosecutions against "houses of ill-fame". So, there might have been an earlier city ordinance or Wisconsin State Statute in place prohibiting prostitution before 1879.

Despite the existing law, for about 20 years, prostitution ran rampant in the city. It was in 1888 when Police Chief John Janssen took office. Under his watch brothels were permitted to operate without consequence. He remained in office until 1921. The mayor at the time of this epidemic was Democrat David S. Rose, who served from 1898-1906 and 1908-1910. It was said that before Rose left office, Milwaukee had 200 brothels, with 1,000 "residents", each of whom entertained 15 visitors a day at a minimum of $1 per visit.

To be successful in business one must advertise. In 1889, a 32-page booklet was printed titled "The Sporting and Club House Guide to Milwaukee". These booklets were sold for 50c by bartenders, bellboys, carriage drivers and other people in the service industry. The publication listed the sanctioned houses of ill-repute and carried lengthy descriptions of each, including the name of the madam, the number of "boarders" and beverages available for purchase. Ads from nearby saloons advertised beverages for their thirsty customers.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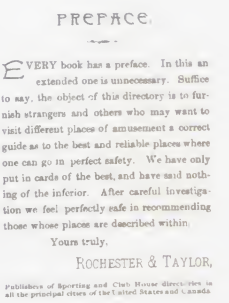
PREFACE.

EVERY book has a preface. In this an extended one is unnecessary. Suffice to say, the object of this directory is to furnish strangers and others who may want to visit different places of amusement a correct guide as to the best and reliable places where one can go in perfect safety. We have only put in cards of the best, and have said nothing of the inferior. After careful investigation we feel perfectly safe in recommending those whose places are described within.

Yours truly,

ROCHESTER & TAYLOR,

Publishers of Sporting and Club House directories in all the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

Many of the brothels that advertised in the booklet lined River Street. It was a three-block long street in downtown Milwaukee which ran parallel to the Milwaukee River. It was the epicenter of the Red-Light district which also encompassed some neighboring streets. Quoting from the booklet, Miss Gertie Clifton, said she is the

Milwaukee Numismatic Society
Celebrating 85 Years
Annual Banquet

When: October 26, 2019
Cocktail hour starts at 6:00
Dinner served at 6:30

Where: Alioto's Restaurant
3041 N. Mayfair Rd.
Wauwatosa, WI
(414) 476-6900

Dinner Options

- 12oz New York Strip Steak, Fresh Mushroom, Au Jus
- Barbequed Ribs, full rack of ribs in Alioto's special sauce and potatoes
- Fresh Salmon, served on a bed of angel hair pasta and topped with dill sauce
- Chicken Parmesan, breaded chicken breast topped with mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce served with mostaccioli

All entrees will be chosen the day of the banquet. The cost is $28.00 for any one of the entrees.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I can get an appropriate number of tables set up for the banquet.

All dinners include:
Salad, choice of dressing; Italian Bread, Coffee, Tea or Milk.

Make payment to MNS. Mail to:

Jim Heinrich
18435 Harvest Ln,
Brookfield, WI 53045-5446

If you have any questions, please call me at (414) 587-9889 or (262) 796-1814